

## Office of the Attorney General State of Texas

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Dear Ms. Armstrong:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Open Records Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 112891.

Travis County (the "county") received a request for the entire file for Cause No. 97-3732. You state that the county is releasing to the requestor much of the requested information. You assert that certain information is excepted from public disclosure based on section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code.

Section 552.108(a)(1) of the Government Code reads as follows:

- (a) Information held by a law enforcement agency or prosecutor that deals with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if:
  - (1) release of the information would interfere with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime[.]

We conclude that the county has established that the release of the information would interfere with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime. Accordingly, the county may withhold the information from the requestor based on section 552.108(a)(1).

We are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue

under the facts presented to us in this request and may not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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